SECOND MEMBER.—

A.—Information has been called for and will be furnished to the members on receipt.

MR. S. VIRABHADRAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Q.—**34.** Will the Government be pleased to supply information in respect of the total number and the pay of the appointments made in the Revenue Department since the formation of the Recruitment Board :—

1. According to districts and (2) communities.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Information has been called for and will be furnished on receipt.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. S. Virabhadrappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to state when they will be able to give the information asked for in respect of the total number and the pay of the appointments made in the Revenue Department since the formation of the Recruitment Board.

Chief Secretary.—

We have called for the information and as soon as it is received, it will be furnished.

MR. B. SITARAMIAH (Hiriyur).—

Q.—**35.** Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) Was any contribution received by Government in connection with the opening of a Boarding House for the benefit of the Veerasaiva students of the Hiriyur Taluk ?

(2) If so, what was the amount recovered and when ?

(3) Is it a fact that Rs. 8,703 was contributed on 10th July 1920 in addition to the gift of a site valued at Rs. 800 ?

(4) Have the Government agreed to sanction a grant-in-aid equal to that of the amount contributed ?

(5) If the Government have agreed to sanction the grant-in-aid, what prevents them from according sanction thereto, and when will the grant be sanctioned?

(6) Have the Association connected with the Boarding House presented any petitions to the Dewan Sahib and the Inspector-General of Education in the matter?

(7) If so, have any replies been given; and if not, why are they pending and when will they be disposed of?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) Rs. 8,703 on 18th September 1920 (as deposit).

(3) In a petition, dated 10th July 1920, it was stated that in addition to the contribution of Rs. 8,703, a site had been purchased for the purpose of the Boarding House at a cost of Rs. 800.

(4) No specific promise of grant has been made. It is understood that with reference to an application of the Veerasaiva Vidyavardhaka Sangha for the construction of a building at the Government cost, the Manager was informed by the Education Department that not more than one-half of the cost of the building could be sanctioned under the grant-in-aid rules.

(5) *Vide* reply to (4). Owing to financial stringney, the provision made for building grants was not adequate even to meet existing commitments. There was therefore no margin for considering fresh applications. It is not possible to say when a grant for the Hostel in question will be sanctioned. It will depend on the budget provision and the existing commitments still to be met.

(6) and (7) Three petitions addressed to the Inspector-General of Education are reported to have been replied to. A copy of one of them addressed to the Dewan recently is receiving attention.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Sitaramiah.—

Will the Government be pleased to state why they have not included any grant in the Budget for the Veerasaiva Hostel at Hiriyur, though a contribution of about Rs. 8,000 from the people was paid 5 years ago?

Dewan.—

The point has been noted and it will receive consideration. The previous commitments alone have been provided for as far as funds permitted. We have provided Rs. 40,000 in the budget and in the distribution of this grant, the department may consider the claim of Hiriyur.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—

Is it not the object of the Government to encourage charitable purposes in the direction of the spread of education and render help to private persons who may come forward with contributions?

Dewan.—

The answer is obvious. We have spent five lakhs of rupees for hostels. As far as funds permit, Government will allot grants.

Mr. Sreenivasiengar.—

Will not the Government consider it desirable to invest the contribution received from the people in the Savings Bank instead of keeping it in the Treasury, so that it may fetch some interest?

Dewan.—

There is no objection to do this if necessary.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

We only want grants from Government so that the object of the donors may be fulfilled. The question of interest is no consideration.

MESSRS. S. VIRACHADRAPPA AND SATI HALAPPA (Chitaldrug).—

Q.—**36.** Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) What is the total amount raised towards the shares issued in connection with the C. C. Railway?

(2) How many shares were taken up by the public?

(3) Of the above, how many shares have been fully paid up?

(4) How much amount has yet to be recovered and why has the same not yet been recovered?

(5) Was any portion of the profit from the railway paid to the bond-holders, in addition to the interest in accordance with the assurance held out to them and if not done, why not?